

## Love Hampton's Waterways – Participate in an International Coastal Cleanup!

The annual International Coastal Cleanup is taking place throughout September and October, and this is the perfect opportunity to show how much you love Hampton's waterways. Sign up to lead a site cleanup or to participate in one of the cleanups being held throughout the city in the fall. To register, contact Cris Ausink at [causink@hampton.gov](mailto:causink@hampton.gov) or call 727-1158.

Last year, more than 6,000 Virginia volunteers cleaned waterways by participating in a Virginia Waterways Cleanup event (part of the International Coastal Cleanup). They kept **295,256 pounds (148 tons)** of plastic and trash out of Virginia's rivers, bays and our world's ocean! Hampton volunteers did their part – 390 volunteers cleaned more than 7,400 pounds of debris from 17 miles of shoreline and contributed to the data collection (see 2011 results below). The data you collect will be put to work in changing the littering behaviors of people.

### What did volunteers find last year? TOP TEN LIST (2011)

1. Food Wrappers/Containers
2. Beverage Bottles (plastic) 2 liters or less
3. Bags (Plastic)
4. Cigarettes/Cigarette Filters
5. Cups, Plates, Forks, Knives, Spoons
6. Tires
7. Glass Beverage Bottles
8. Beverage Cans
9. Caps, Lids
10. Straws, Stirrers

These ten items accounted for 84.45 percent of all litter and trash picked up by volunteers in Virginia during the **2011 Virginia Waterways Cleanup (part of the International Coastal Cleanup)**. Over the last 17 years, volunteers have removed more than 2.5 million pounds of litter and trash from Virginia's waterways through this successful hands-on project.

For more information about the International Coastal Cleanup in Virginia, contact Clean Virginia Waterways at [cleanva@longwood.edu](mailto:cleanva@longwood.edu). For information about Hampton's efforts to keep Hampton's waterways clean and beautiful contact [causink@hampton.gov](mailto:causink@hampton.gov).

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